

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES- DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVE ACTIONS RELATED TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
WESTSIDE SAFE HAVEN BY OCEAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)**

REQUEST:

Approve and delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health to execute a Letter of Agreement between the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Community Development Commission (Commission) for \$200,000. The Agreement will provide funding for development costs associated with construction of Westside Safe Haven (Westside) by Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC). This Agreement will be funded within the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-2003 with \$200,000 in realignment funds.

Approve and delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the lump sum payment of a maximum of \$200,000 from DMH to the Commission.

The Board Letter was developed in conjunction with the Commission; therefore the following was also being recommended: a) Approve and delegate authority to the Executive Director of the Commission to execute the Letter of Agreement, with DMH for \$200,000; b) Approve and delegate authority to the Executive Director of the Commission to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the lump sum payment of a maximum of \$200,000 from DMH and c) Approve and delegate authority to the Executive Director of the Commission to incorporate the funds in the Commission's FY 2003-2004 budget. .

CONTRACTOR:

OPCC is a private non-profit provider of case management brokerage and mental health services. In order to address the needs of homeless persons in West Los Angeles, OPCC is proposing to acquire and renovate a property in order to develop a safe haven. DMH is providing funds to the Commission to assist it in carrying out its project with OPCC. The funds will be disbursed by the Commission for payment of approved development activities for this project.

INTENT:

The purpose of this action is to authorize DMH to make a \$200,000 payment to the Commission for development costs for construction of Westside by OPCC. Westside will provide a safe place for homeless persons with psychiatric disabilities to receive shelter and supportive services. Any portion of the \$200,000 not used by OPCC will be kept in a trust fund by the Commission for credit toward a future project to be determined by DMH.

JUSTIFICATION:

This project is in accordance with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Continuum of Care Planning Process for 2003 that, for Service Planning Area 5 (West Los Angeles), places housing for "mentally ill individuals/dually diagnosed individuals/substance abuse individuals/individuals with multiple diagnoses" as the highest priority. Approval of the Agreement will help to enhance the community's stock of safe housing with appropriate supportive services for homeless individuals with psychiatric disabilities, including those with co-occurring substance abuse.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

This subject does not apply.